

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 23, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

☒ Shelley Brittingham
☐ Paul Conrath
☒ Donna DiFore
☒ Rochelle Flynn

☒ Victoria Hall
☐ Laurie Haslund
☒ Maureen Hoffmann
☒ Dane Johnson

☒ Kathy Justin
☐ David Ketcherside
☒ June Yormark

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Recreation Manager
Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Randy Lacey

Minutes

Meeting called to order.

Introduction of new Cultural Arts Supervisor Gina Kallman. Al Parisi has moved to position overseeing Strawberry Festival, Concerts in the Park and Summer Movies. Gina's past experience includes nine years running Moshier Art Center and three years running education department for Kohler Art Center in Wisconsin.

Corrections for November minutes. Dane asked that Paul be correct person working on mural project, Maureen asked that aesthetics from now on be spelled with A. There was a motion to accept the November minutes as corrected. The motion was accepted and the minutes were approved.

2008 Work Plan

Discussion commenced to finalize 2008 work plan, a combination of concrete projects and guiding principles or "areas of focus".

Arts Education: Debbie confirmed that the city at this time offers many opportunities for community to take performing and visual arts classes as well as providing funding for programs such as Arts Corps to be at Burien schools. Victoria volunteered to continue on committee but would like help from other commissioners. Would like to see elements of education in all aspects of work plan. Dane suggested we use the word "promote" instead of include "to promote the inclusion of art in all..." in the work plan.

Public Art: Covers all temporary and permanent art in the city. Dane to continue as chair of Public Art Committee. Rochelle and Dane asked to be on Towne Square selection committee.

Downtown Art Walk: Laurie not available to address possible changes in this year's event(s). Possibilities: more performing events? Beat walk?

Dottie Harper Park Light Holiday Light Display: Paul not available to address. Concern voiced over security. Kathy brought up that lights/lasers would be installed in trees so security not an issue. Also possible choral or instrumental performance near fire pit. Would be collaboration between Burien Arts Association and Arts Commission. Dane thought performance element would be volunteer; funding may be needed to cover some security.

Literary Arts: Rochelle and Shelley will continue working on. Have been meeting with Gayle Collins from Page2 Books. Looking for key people in community to create focus group, such as library staff, Paros los Ninos; looking to see what exists in community before creating new programming.

Strawberry Festival, Summer Concerts, and Performance Network Events: Debbie raised question as to whether Arts Commission needs a role with these staff run events. Rochelle raised concern that Arts Commission does not have "signature" event, also thinks that Arts Commission should be more involved as an "arts advisory group". Donna felt that AC needs access to planning to assure diversity is achieved. Dane suggested an AC member work with staff planning the events (Al Parisi) then report back to AC. Laurie was nominated to serve in this position. Donna interested in helping introduce artists at Concerts in the Park. Donna: Commission has vision for the city and would like to see that vision is carried out by staff.

Beat walk: Laurie unavailable to comment. Event may be similar to Columbia City Beat Walk.

Arts & Culture Fund: Rochelle and Shelley will work with Council to increase funding for 2009. Plan to ask for flat recommendation instead of percentage.

Arts Summit: Event planning moving forward. "Conversation" will be held on a Saturday afternoon in May with a follow-up conversation in fall. No work to be done at moment but hope that all commissioners will be attending.

Aesthetic Master Plan: Maureen- AC as stewards of Burien aesthetics, need to know how decisions are made within city planning, design. Maureen will work to create relationships with planning and parks boards and then report back to AC.

Burien Cultural Diversity: Donna and Shelley will serve as diversity liaisons to different committees; diversity needs to be integrated into the Arts Commission.

National Dance Week Celebration: Shelley asked that this be taken off work order.

There was a motion to accept the 2008 Work Plan. The motion was approved.

Principle Public Art Work

4-Culture Public Art Committee will lead process. A roster of artists will be looked at along with Arts Commission criteria. Two artists and past artist Dan Corson will be invited to submit proposal. Arts Commission will then make recommendations to City Council. Process will begin in February. Jury will consist of two arts commissioners (chair of arts commission and head of public art committee), one parks board member, one member community at large, and one artist from the community.

Committee Reports

Education: Victoria announced she received a MAD (?) grant to work with high school students to create a visual art project to be displayed in Downtown Burien. The students will be doing a grid project working from famous paintings. This will culminate in a competition between schools. Project will begin in spring. June volunteered to help with project.

Public Art: Dane working to place art for March 29 City birthday celebrations.

1. Working with cities of Bellevue and Redmond to move a piece of public art (sculpture) to Burien for temporary placement (3-18 months). Insurance and logistic issues still need to be researched; artist has suggested corner entrance to new town square on 152nd across from Mick Kelly's. Sculpture is 7' wide, 4' tall and 2' deep. Cost would be \$500 stipend, insurance, and cost to repair sidewalk after sculpture removed. 1% for art would cover. Dane: Likes art being placed at rebirth of 152nd/rebirth of city! There was a motion to endorse project. Motion approved.

2. Friday Night city celebration at Karuna Yoga. Glowing "Birthday Cake Bus" to be displayed at parking lot on 152nd and Ambaum (Karuna Yoga lot) and lit up during evening event, then driven on Saturday to family event at Highline High School (11:30ish). Council and Commission members can ride on top of bus!

Staff Report

Empty Bowls: Event will be held at Moshier Community Art Center on Friday, January 25 from 4-8 pm. All food and over 500 bowls have been donated. Rochelle and Victoria will be volunteering to help with event. All proceeds from event will go to Highline Food Bank.

Burien Little Theatre: Premiering February 8 (running until March 2) "I love you, your perfect, now change." February 15 will be \$5 Friday, call 206-242-5180 to make reservations.

June moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.